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W. C. T. U. WATCHWORDS: EDUCATE!

W. C. T. U PRINCIPLES: Total Abstinence; Prohibition of the Liquor Traffic; One Standard of Morals for Men and Women; Home Protection; Equal Suffrage; and the Teaching of Scientific Temperance in Public Schools.

New Question in Christian Education.

For many years the first question Christian parents as they thought of sending their children away from home to school, has been the character, standing and religious spirit of the institution. Denominational schools have flourished because parents of a particular doctrinal belief have wanted their children indoctrinated with certain religous convictions or at least trained in an atmosphere where views are emphasized.

Some schools have been built up around the strong personality of principal or president, while others have stood out for some peculiar type of character or method. Attention in large measure has been centered upon the school itself, its course of study, its general spirit, purpose, plan and methods.

But in the changes which are taking place throughout the state an entirely new element is entering into the problem, and that is the question of environment. The people of the state are waking up to the fact that the licensed saloon is the greatest hindrance to education that exists on this continent to-day, and that however good may be an institution of learning, it is not able to protect its pupils from the corrupting influence of the dramshop where such exists in the same community.

A man having sold his big farm decided to go to some educational town so as to give his children the benefit of the schools therein. In looking about for a home he found a string of ten saloons on one block and said to others of his household, "We will stop right here, I'll never locate in any town where whiskey has the run of things as it has here." He than went to another College town, but finding many saloons there he turned from it in the same way.

Not until he found a community which he felt sure would keep the saloon under, did he buy a home and move his family. Baptists, Methodists, Presbyterians and days about the exact doctrine their children are taught if only they are led to warm, earnest christian living, but they care more than ever whether in their hours of leisure they are to be surrounded by a saloon atmosphere, or one antagonistic thereto. The saloons environment unconsciously deadens the moral sensibilities and encourages the development of the grosser qualities of character.

Hence with College towns as Fulton, Liberty, Morrisville, Farmington, Fredericktown and others already dry, and such state institutional centers as Kirksville, Warrensburg and Columbia having expelled the dramshop, the careful, solicitious parents of the state are thinking seriously that they cannot longer send their children to schools that are in saloon towns. They do not have

Much of the good results attending education comes from the surroundings. The environment, the atmosphere, the life of W. H. WHITWORTH. the people met has much to do with and for the student body.

The faculty of the State University may not be increased this yearnor a new building erected, but into the students there will come new and higher culture because the citizens rose up to drive out the saloon. The same holds good of other towns that have taken the advantage of the Local Option law.

In sending out their catalogues wherever they can do it, principals and Boards of Trustees will community where their school is situated. A "Dry" town is going to have a marked advantage over one that is "wet."

Any good school that has fifty students brings more business, more money, more of everything good to a community that boast that no saloon exists in the

Missourians themselves will prefer such, while people from prohibition Kansas and Oklahoma, around as they are against the liquor traffic, are not going to send their children to institutions where they will be exposed to the constant temptation of the dram-

Numbers of cities in which there are splendid schools are going to for it. have the chance this spring to vote on the local option question, and if their eyes were open to their own interests every man connected therewith as president, principal, professor or trustee will get out and hustle for the local op-

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good to a community than a saloon can possibly do.

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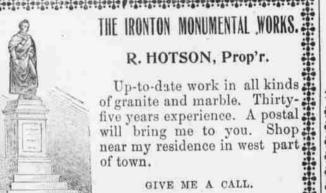
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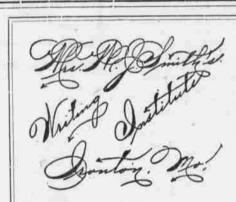
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